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The Office Action rejected all claims (1-16) based on the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting and noted that a timely filed terminal disclaimer may be used to overcome this rejection, which was the only rejection of the claims.

A terminal disclaimer, disclaiming relative to commonly assigned U.S. Patent No. 6,373,470 is submitted herewith to overcome this rejection. It is noted that this submission is being made without admitting the propriety of the rejection in this Office Action.

Applicant has also added 3 dependent claims without adding new matter (e.g., see page 8, lines 13-21 for support for these new claims).

Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are allowable.

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